

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 25-27 and 30.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

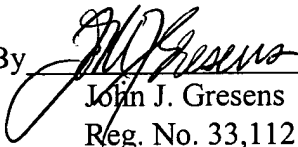
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Marked-up Copy".

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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25. A substance or plant extract active in the field of lipolysis, wherein the activity thereof in the field of lipolysis has been evaluated by a test method as defined in claim 1 [or 12].

26. A method of skin care selected from decreasing, slowing down or reabsorbing fatty deposits, from a slimming activity, from increasing the blood microcirculation, from improving the appearance of the skin, from improving the tone of the skin and from diminishing «orange peel» appearance, comprising applying to skin zones in need thereof, a cosmetic composition comprising a lipolysis active substance or lipolytic plant extract, said lipolysis activity having been evaluated by the method of claim 1 [or 12].

27. A method of treating a pathology resulting from an excess of fatty deposit, comprising performing a treatment of said fatty deposit with a pharmaceutical composition comprising a lipolytic substance, or lipolytic plant extract wherein the lipolytic activity has been evaluated by the test method of claim 1 [or 12].

30. A cosmetic composition, comprising as one of its lipolytic active agents, a lipolytic substance or a lipolytic plant extract having a lipolytic activity determined by the test method of claim 1 [or 21].